

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

The Miracle Apple Tree

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Sharing love through support

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The Miracle Apple Tree, UPDATE!!!! Monday, May 10, 2010, my brother Gerald left Anniston, headed for his home in Moore, OK. Gerald arrived in Anniston on May 7 to participate in the May 8th Lea Fite Memorial Golf Tournament and in honor of our dad's 100th birthday.

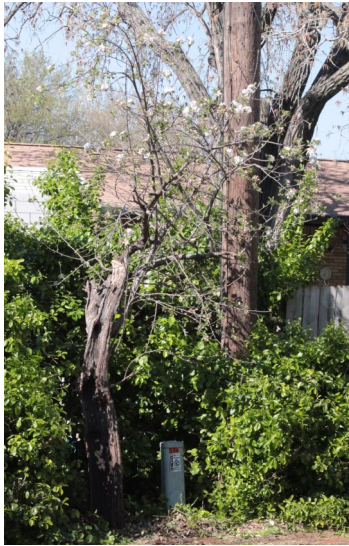
All day Monday, I listened to weather reports concerning 34 tornadoes in the Oklahoma City area. A strong tornado touched down in Norman. Norman, Moore and Oklahoma City make up a tri-city. I think only the residents know where one ends and the other begins. I was relieved, the evening of the 10th, when Gerald called from a hotel in Arkansas. He said, "In my haste to get back home, I didn't listen to the weather reports." Upon arriving home, he was pleased that he had been spared tornado damage. However, soft ball size hail had gone through his carport, his car would have been ruined if it had been parked in the carport. His house roof, that was replaced last year, needs replacing again this year.

Gerald went on to say, the Miracle Apple Tree shows no damage. A few days ago, Gerald Emailed pictures of the Miracle Apple Tree. He said, "Lenora, it is a miracle that the apple tree, supported by shrubs that grow around it, every year, bears an abundance of fruit."



On the steelmagnoliasinc.org website, on the "What Now" page, we read these words: "There is an old apple tree in the back corner of my back yard. It's a MIRACLE TREE. You would have to see it to believe it is still alive, let alone put on apples every year. The entire front of the tree died and carpenter ants hollowed the trunk most of the way up from the ground to the smaller limbs. It's lifeblood comes from the back half with no trunk to hold it up. The hedge protecting it from the winds allows it to remain standing. I don't harvest the apples; I let the birds and critters eat them.

Gerald Washington-Moore, OK



March 26, 2016

“That old apple tree just keeps being whittled down by the weather but it hangs on year after year. It amazes me too! Any day now I expect to see cedar waxwings feeding on the blossoms.”

Comment by: Gerald Washington

Just as the crape myrtles in Gerald’s backyard strengthens the old apple tree, allowing it to continue, season after season, to accomplish the purpose for which it was created, Steel Magnolias are a hedge that God uses to strengthen cancer survivors, to encourage patients in treatment. In the Bible we read: “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Eph. 2 : 10

Submitted by:

Lenora Johnson, Founder

**Steel Magnolias & Men of Steel Meeting
March 22, 2016**

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group Inc. met on Tuesday, March 22nd in the private dining room of RMC.

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Johns. We had no visitors.

Jimmy Taylor gave the blessing before our meal of chicken tenders provided by RMC. Side dishes and desserts were provided by Steel Magnolias members.

Roger Zeimet introduced our guest speaker Nanette Mudiam, Executive Director of St Michael’s Community Service Center. Nanette gave us information on the services that are offered by the medical clinic to those without insurance and who meet basic income eligibility. She stated that they treat common diseases such as high blood pressure and diabetes. Referrals are made to cooperating agencies for prescription assistance, vision care and labs. The clinic is open 2 days a week on Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on a walk in basis only. Nancy Burnell thanked Nanette for being our speaker and presented her with a gift from our group.

Jimmy Taylor gave an update on the golf tournament and ask that members make contact with businesses to ask for donations to be used as door prizes and/or sponsorships. He stated that we are running behind on monetary donations compared to last years donations.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes from the February 23, 2016 meeting were ready by Connie Stephens. Roger Zeimet made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Steve Stephens 2nd the motion. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Chuck Trull gave the financial report. Steve Stephens made the motion to accept the report and Roger Zeimet 2nd the motion. The financial report was accepted.

President Elaine Johns reminded everyone that we will be having our annual bake and jewelry sale on March 26th at the Quintard Mall and passed around a sheet for members to sign-up to work.

Margaret Taylor asked for volunteers to work on April 16th to sort door prizes and prepare packets for golfers who are in the golf tournament.

Nancy Burnell gave the devotional and went over the prayer list. Dave Roberts ended our meeting with a prayer. Nancy Burnell made the motion to adjourn our meeting and Steve Stephens 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Connie Stephens; Secretary



Event up Dates

The annual Bake and Jewelry Sale at the Quintard Mall went off without any problems. We had cakes, cup cakes, cookies, brownies, tea cakes, peanut brittle, pies, breads, fire crackers, spicy pretzels and special kid packages with balloons! Marti had some very nice jewelry to costume jewelry. We sold out by 3:30 and were packed up and ready to go by 4. We had a great day and brought in right under \$1,800. Thanks to everyone's hard work. Thanks for everyone that baked for us and donated jewelry to the group. It takes all of you to make this happen every year.

Chris and Tracy Dudchock put on a Zumbathon at the Oxford Civic Center on April 16th and it was a hit! We had several members there to help. Chick-fil-a was there selling sandwiches and drinks. Chris and Tracy raised a \$1,000 for the Steel Magnolias! This is the second Zumbathon they have put on to support us. They had 8 or 9 booths set up around the gym offering things to buy and support for "blue lives matter" was there also. They had many sponsors that offered items from shirts to gift cards that were raffled off. It was a fun time. The instructors were awesome and the folks on the floor put on a show! Chris and Tracy offer classes Monday - Thursday at Oxford Civic Center. I am putting their flyer in this newsletter for the days and times they offer. A few of us are going to try it out. Their plans are \$3 per session that last an hour or they have monthly rates. I will have the information at the meeting also. Thank you Chris and Tracy!



ZUMBA CLASSES



Mon 6:30-7:30, Tues and Thurs from 6-7pm

At the

Oxford Civic Center

401 McCullars Lane, Oxford, AL 36203

Certified Zumba Instructors:

Chris or Tracy Dudchock





2016 BAKE AND JEWELRY SALE

Up Coming Events

APRIL 23rd: The 7th annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament at Pine Hill Golf Course. This is our main fundraiser that funds our services to offer support to cancer patients in our area.

April 26th: Will be our next monthly meeting at RMC in the private dining room. We will have meat loaf and mashed potatoes. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts. Our guest speaker will be Jackie Howle of Hearts. Hearts is an organization located in Cleburne County. They help people in East Central Alabama by meeting their needs with food, clothing and household items. The Steel Magnolias are helping them to support the needs of cancer patients.

May 16th is the next mailing day.

President's Corner

It is time again for the Lea Fite golf tournament. Everyone has worked very hard to get ready for the big day. We really appreciate all the hard work and the many hours that have been put in to make this tournament happen. Every one please pray for good weather!

Trey Fite (Food Outlet) is our anchor sponsor and Mark Junior (Golden Springs Winn Dixie) will provide the food again this year. Mason Cross (Cross Business forms) again provided our tri-fold hand out for the tournament. We have many sponsors that support us year after year. We are very blessed! We will provide a list of our supporters in the next newsletter for everyone to see. I hope that every one will support their businesses also and if you do thank them for their support!

I need a survivor story for our next newsletter. I promise you that someone out there needs to hear how you survived, how you got through it and to not give up!

Please if you are reading this for the first time or if you have considered it, please come to our monthly meetings at RMC. We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month except in July, November and December. If you don't know where we meet call the office after 11 M-F to get directions. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Elaine Johns

Joggin' Inside

To Be Six Again

You really have to give this guy an A+ for effort.

George was a thoughtful husband. He wanted to give his wife something special for her birthday which was coming up soon. As he sat on the edge of the bed, he watched his wife turning back and forth and looking at herself in the mirror. "Helen," he said, "What would you like for your birthday?"

His wife continued to look at herself and said, "I'd like to be six again."

George knew just what to do. On the big day, he got up early and made his wife a bowl of Fruit Loops. Then he took her to an amusement park where they rode all the rides. Five hours later, Helen's stomach felt upside down and her head was reeling. Never the less, George took her to McDonald's and bought her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Next, it was a movie with popcorn, soda and her favorite candy.

As Helen wobbled into the house that evening and flopped on the bed, George asked her, "Well, Dear, what was it like to be six again?"

Helen looked up at him. Her expression changed. She said, "I meant my dress size!"

Arguments

Women always have the last word in an argument. Anything a man adds after that is the beginning of a new argument.

WALKING THROUGH DARKNESS

(Matthew 26:7-13)

by Donna Houston

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Find the words in bold print:

We sometime **WONDER HOW** much God is **NOTICING** our efforts to **PLEASE HIM**. At **TIMES** some of our **GREATEST SACRIFICES** seem to **BRING** nothing but misunderstanding or even **CRITICISM** from **FAMILY MEMBERS** and **FRIENDS**. Voices from others—and even from **WITHIN** our own **HEARTS**—**RISE** up to **CONDEMN** us for **GODLY CHOICES** that now **SEEM** to be **INCAPACITATING** us.

But **JESUS**, who **KNOWS** the **DEPTHS** of our **SOUL**, **SEES** and understands our **TORMENT**. He hears the **CONDEMNING** voices of our **ACCUSERS**. When our sacrifices for God **MAKE** little sense to **THE** inhospitable **WORLD** around us, it is **HIS VOICE** that **WILL PREVAIL** in our behalf.